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State Historical Society SICNS

You may talk of strange maneuvers, Far away beyond the sea, 'Twixt the Russians and the wily Japanese; Or discuss the German Emperor, None mightier than he, Und Gott, with whom he has affinity. When your tongues are tired of wagging And your interest is lagging O'er accounts of foreign battles lost and won, Remember trouble's brewing, For there's surely something doing When 'Renzo puts his frock coat on!

When winter's icy fetters binds the land in chill embrace,

And we swell the coal king's millions In vain endeavor to keep warm, What reck we of spring time, or politics so base, Or candidates who in the spring so thickly swarm; For us no birds need sing To herald signs of spring; We have a sign that all may read who run; Adown the street he's walking, Taxation loudly talking Lord 'Renzo, with his frock coat on.

Whence comes this strength so mighty, This great Samson doth possess, 'Gainst which his brave opponents Seem powerless to defend? 'Tis that wonderful Prince Albert He wears, when in full dress He sallies forth to rally out his friends. Robed in that ancient garb, With speech like iron barb, He'll gather to himself a mighty vote. If you're anxious to unseat him, The surest way to beat him, Is to rob him of that old frock coat!

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Change in the Flour Business.

We have secured the exclusive sale in Baxter Springs of the famous KELLEY & LYSLE FLOUR, made in Leavenworth, positively the best and most uniform flour ever put on the market. The flours made by this firm are carry out the wishes of the majorialways the same—one sack is always as good as another ty; let us elect a man who will take of the same brand, and every sack is guaranteed.

We have just received a car of this famous flour. We have also just received a big shipment of soft wheat bran, which is mixed with shorts-the best feed. Watch this space.

Dent's Cash Grocery.

The Chautauqua Circle will meet at Mrs. Opperman's Friday after-

The NEWS stands on this platform on the library proposition: "All or nothing."

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Perkins of Sapulpa, visited relatives here the

fore part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Don Fenton and children of Weir City visited rela-

tives in this city Synday. Farmers are very busy these days. The ground is in good shape for

plowing, except where it is very Sam King, who purchased half a block of ground in the east part of town, will build a couple of nice

dwelling houses. Who next? March 30 the Manual Training Building of the County High School will be dedicated and excellent program will be carried out. Governor Hoch will speak in the

afternoon.

The people of Baxter are tired of bureaucracy and autocracy. Let the voters elect a mayor and council who will pay some attention to petax payers. We dont need a Czar or auction 5 horses, 11 cattle, farm immen and city marshals.

Dr. English. Phone 189.

Mapes, Photographer.

E. H. Post was in Cherryvale the fore part of the week.

A. C. Craney has returned from business trip to Kansas City.

C. M. Sumner had business in Fort Scott the fore part of the week. If you want to vote you should register. The books close March 24.

You can't vote if you fail to register. Better attend to the matter at

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Michner, on Monday, March 13th, a daughter.

The dust this week reminds us that the street sprinkler should be put to work.

Mrd. Burton Smith gave a whist party Tuesday night. True Childs was the prize winner.

The Baxter Mining Company moved Tuesday into the north room of the new Baxter National Banks building.

On Friday, March 24, at the Operman farm, one mile south of the titions and requests presented by city, J. H. Nivens will sell at public autocrat for mayor and we are not plements and household goods on stuck on Grand Dukes for council- nine months' time. Col. W. T. Hartley, salesman.

ALL PROPOSITIONS WITHDRAWN

The NEWS has good authority for making this statement, it having been dictated by

"That owing to misapprehension of the citizens of Baxter Springs of propositions emanating from Masons relative to the disposition of the Johnston library funds, and owing to harsh things said of Masons by persons who misunderstood the motives behind any proposition that may have been made in regard to the matter, that all such propositions, or parts of propositions, or suggestions, relative to the disposition of such funds, are hereby withdrawn."

We desire to congratulate the citizens of Baxter Springs upon all opposition being withdrawn, and to thank the Masons for the above public statement.

E. H. Post had business in Cherryvale Monday and while there called on "Cheap Joe" Avey. "Cheap Joe" is a rustler and they all know he is in town. "Cheap Joe" has a fine location and neat, clean store. He has two stocks of goods in one building, one on the shelves, the other in cases packed under the

E. L. Wright, who for the past 15 years was in business in Joplin, and who for 30 years has been identified with the mining interests of Southwest Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, has secured a lease in the Quapaw Reserve on the 40 acre tract adjoining the "Old Abe" 40 on the east. The "Old Abe" 40 is one of the most promising properties in the more they think about it, this new and wonderful camp. Out the more they are in favor of a of nine holes drilled on this property seven of them have found rich bodies of ore. Mr. Wright has the people do not fear a two-mill ness. formed a company composed of levy, which means only 20 cents on Edward C. Gates, H. V. Rice and W. the hundred dollars assessed valu-C. Gunn, of Fort Scott, Kansas, ation. These gentlemen will commence them on securing such a favorably to accumulate during that adminall right.

EDITOR NEWS:-The action of the council in the electric road franchise is deplorable, but not irremediable. For heaven's sake let us elect a mayor and council who will and other things the people want. Let us elect a mayor who can be be approached by the common people. Let us elect a man who will an interest in city affairs. Let us elect a male man, a liberal man, a gentleman and a taxpayer. I don't care what his politics are or his religion, but I want a man who is identified with the interests of the city and will help push and not block every enterprise. Will Hartley would suit me very well, but there are a number of others. What we want is a radical change. The block system is just the thing for railroads, but no good for Baxter at this time. W. T. Hartley would do everything in his power to build up our city, and would never stand in the way of any legitimate enterprise. Nearly every lady in town would vote for him. WHISKERS.

Fifty Years the Standard



NEW SPRING GOODS

Arriving Daily.

In fancy and plain colored Mohairs, Knicker Malange, Nub Zephyrs, Taffetas, Organdies, Attossa Silks, Noile Seinette, Mohair Lustre, Knicker Zephyrs, Voiles DeSoie, Dotted Swiss Muslins, Batiste, Voile Flakes, Glen Suitings, and other fine lines to numerous to mention.

We also have a large ling of Muslin

Underwear at popular prices

It is the most complete line ever shown in the city.

It will pay you to call and see them.

WILL CARRY HEAVILY.

There seems to be no doubt that the terms of the Johnston will providing for a free public library will be accepted by the voters, and that the majority will be a large one.

The people have thrashed the matter over pretty thoroughly, and FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY. The taxation scare has failed because Baxter Springs Mocretary of the

Under the Daniels administraactive operations, at once. They tion our municipal debt began to will no doubt prove a great benefit grow smaller, and the surplus in to this district. We congratulate the city treasury at this time began located property as this tract, and istration. Practically do money wright has been carfully watching aring the pent two years, so The Jerial Can London Company developments in the Baxter Springs of course we are in good condition is making some needed improvedistrict for the past six months. financially. Taxes have been re-This is his first move. He says it is duced as a result. Baxter Springs is on the high road to prosperity, and wants everything in sightfrom railroads to a FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Such a library would be one of the very best advertisements our town could have. A good library, such as we can have favor a railroad, a public library by accepting the terms of the Johnston will, is a good thing to have. It will prove an inducement to peowho are seeking a place to educate their children. It will do good in a score of ways.

> We have no fight on any man or set of men in the library matter. We believe the town needs a public library, and shall fight it out on that line. We believe the library should be in a building of its own.

A two-mill levy will hurt nobody if value received is given, and we can conceive of no greater value building a small cottage on his than the good results from such an institution as that good man, N. P. Johnston, proposed we should have when he made his will.

ODD FELLOWS TO BUILD.

The Baxter lodge of Odd Fellows have purchased from Morris Doty the let at the southeast corner of Millitary and Sheridan streets, and will erect thereon a lodge building, the upper story of which will be used for lodge purposes and the lower for business rooms.

TEN BRICK BUILDINGS.

We are in a position to state that no less than ten brick buildings will be built in Baxter Spring this summer The Johnston library building will be one of the number, because there is absolutely no doubt that the voters will vote to accept the terms of the Johnston will.

S. J. Armstrong had business in Columbus last Friday.

D. S. Chubb has completed a very neat residence on Tick Ridge in the eastern part of the city. He will make his future home in Baxter Spring and Lyon township loses one of its best citizens.

J. A. Sour, Henry Ohlen, Mrs. Hornor, William Norton, and Charlie Daniels are going to build in the old burned district. Mr. Daniels is also figuring on putting up three or four brick buildings on South Military street.

TWO BIG DAYS.

Grand Opening March 31st and April 1st, at which time we will show all the latest creations in hats and millinery specialties. Be sure MRS. IDA SMITH. and come.

Register at once. Do it now.

Buy your Easter hats at my store, MRS. IDA SMITH.

M. H. Gardner of Joplin was i ald, and resides at

Jim Bulger is have cured friends here Silar cases, and Monday. mmended to Chas. Black nerves. relatives and friends in least the latter part of

last wee TomaERN CO, making arange. POSSIP nice home in the

ments in its yard here. The only up-to-date line of hats

and millinery in the city at my MRS. IDA SMITH. LOST-A watch chain locket. Had

monogram "C. W. C." on one side. Reward for return to C. W. Craney. Get your horse and jack cards printed at this office. We have the

finest stock of cuts in Southwest We are glad the opposition to the library has subsided. 'Tis well.

There never was any serious oppo-Miami had a little oil excitement

last week, when the drill struck a small pocket, but it is not thought the find will amount to much. D.S. Chubb has moved in from

his Lyon township farm and is property in the northeast part of

G. W. Sergeant of the Spring River Power Company, and Clark Craycroft, attorney for the company, were here Tuesday night to look after business matters.

Mrs. N. A.Christolear had the misfortune to break her hip a few days ago. Drs. English and Freeland reduced the fracture and the old lady is getting along as well as could be expected. Mrs. Christolear is about 80 years of age.

IATTER OF HEALTH

